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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## **ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 802**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Williams**

February 26, 2015

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An act to amend Section 381.2 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to energy efficiency.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 802, as amended, Williams. Public utilities: energy efficiency savings.

Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) to develop and implement a comprehensive program to achieve greater energy savings in existing residential and nonresidential building stock. Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to investigate the ability of electrical corporations and gas corporations to provide various energy efficiency financing options to their customers for the purposes of implementing the program developed by the Energy Commission.

This bill would require the PUC, by July 1, 2016, to authorize electrical corporations and gas corporations to recover in rates the reasonable costs of programs providing ~~incentives or rebates or both~~

~~incentives and rebates~~ *incentives, rebates, technical assistance, and support* to their customers to increase the energy efficiency of existing buildings, as specified. The bill would require the PUC to authorize electrical corporations and gas corporations to count all energy savings achieved toward overall energy efficiency goals or targets established by the PUC. The bill would authorize the PUC to adjust the energy efficiency goals or targets of electrical corporations and gas corporations to reflect the energy savings achieved in meeting or exceeding energy efficiency requirements in existing buildings.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 381.2 of the Public Utilities Code is  
2     amended to read:  
3     381.2. (a) The commission shall investigate the ability of  
4     electrical corporations and gas corporations to provide various  
5     energy efficiency financing options to their customers for the  
6     purposes of implementing the program developed pursuant to  
7     Section 25943 of the Public Resources Code.  
8     (b) (1) By July 1, 2016, the commission, in a separate or  
9     existing proceeding, shall authorize electrical corporations or gas  
10    corporations to recover in rates the reasonable costs of programs  
11    that provide financial ~~incentives or rebates or both incentives and~~  
12    ~~rebates~~ *incentives, rebates, technical assistance, and support* to  
13    their customers to increase the energy efficiency of existing  
14    buildings based on all estimated energy savings and energy usage  
15    reductions, taking into consideration the overall reduction in  
16    normalized metered energy consumption as a measure of energy  
17    savings. Those programs shall include energy usage reductions  
18    resulting from the ~~installation~~ *adoption* of a measure or *installation*  
19    of equipment required for modifications to existing buildings to  
20    bring them into conformity with, or exceed, the requirements of  
21    Title 24 of the California Code of ~~Regulations. Regulations, as~~  
22    ~~well as operational, behavioral, and retrocommissioning activities.~~  
23    The commission shall authorize an electrical corporation and gas  
24    corporation to count all energy savings achieved toward overall  
25    energy efficiency goals or targets established by the commission.  
26    The commission may adjust the energy efficiency goals or targets

1 of an electrical corporation and gas corporation to reflect the energy  
2 efficiency savings achieved in meeting or exceeding the  
3 requirements of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations in  
4 existing buildings.

5 (2) The commission shall prioritize energy efficiency activities  
6 consistent with Sections 454.55 and 454.56.

7 (c) In the report prepared pursuant to Section 384.2, the  
8 commission shall include an assessment of each electrical  
9 corporation's and each gas corporation's implementation of the  
10 program developed pursuant to Section 25943 of the Public  
11 Resources Code.

12 (d) This section does not require the commission to increase  
13 funding for energy efficiency programs of electric corporations or  
14 gas corporations that are recoverable in rates.

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